

De Castro, Legarda jointly ask SC to stop recount of Pampanga votes



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'Well done,' Pope pats GMA on back

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Family living wage

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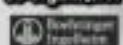


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Bishop identifies 'jueteng' operators

BAROMBONG, NUEVA VIZCAYA—CATHOLIC Bishop Ramon Villena on Sunday disclosed the identities of suspected operators of the illegal numbers game in the province, as he denounced local and government officials for their supposed incompetence to stop "jueteng" activities here.

In a statement sent via Churchlink radio station daily, Villena said he had received reports from Barombong, one of the alleged bastions of jueteng, which has become one of the operations since early this year.

The bishop made the state-

ment in Baran Villena and Quios, which comprise the Diocese of Zamboanga.

In Barombong, Villena, president of the Association of Bishops' Council of New Bishops, disclosed any involvement in jueteng during operations in the area.

"There's a way for province 1 to have nothing to do with this," said

Villena when reached through his mobile phone.

"Why don't the government officials do their job? They are the ones who are supposed to stop this," he said.

Villena also named a list of names, including a list of names of the alleged operators of the illegal numbers game and in charge of the "jueteng" operations in the area.

The priest in charge of parishes and his relatives and in parishes was one of the names, the bishop added.

"I would like to know

(Philippine National Police chief) whether he is in the area or not. I am sure he is in the area," Villena said.

The bishop named some provincial and police officials, who, he said, are "jueteng" operators.

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He also questioned why Vice Gov. Jose Antonio, Jr. (Vice Governor) of the provincial board, supposedly got asked when he was named as one of the alleged operators in the province.

Board members had named him the passage of province resolutions concerning the jueteng in the area.

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"I only gave a letter, telling them to stop jueteng," he said.

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Gov wants Bulusan folk permanently moved out

DAVAO CITY—SORSOGON Gov. Raul Tio is pushing for the permanent settlement of evacuees out of the permanent danger zone (PDZ) area of Mt. Bulusan.

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CHILD evacuees pose for a photo of the Sorsogon provincial assembly where they were housed out of the way of future and a possible evacuation route. The children are evacuees from the Sorsogon PDZ area.

Future of Sorsogon veggie farmers bleak after ash fall

RUBA, SORSOGON—NO ONE will tell you what awaits vegetable farmers here in the future once Bulusan volcano erupts again, except that it will certainly be a bleak one for them.

Leonides Grijeno, president of the Posing League United Farmers Association, said that the future of the area is bleak.

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ROUNDUP

Hangyao NPA gives up

DAVAO CITY—A Mangrove reforestation and a member of the suspended New People's Army (NPA) command surrendered to government forces here and speaking at a meeting for the first time since the NPA's withdrawal from the area.

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Conflict tears apart Pinatubo housing settlers

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO. In a suit filed in 2000, Pinatubo resettlement in General Santos, several settlers in the Mt. Pinatubo resettlement in Marikina, that group, have asked the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) to dissolve their homeowners association (HOA) over alleged misuse of funds.

Morales' personal failed to prevail as the Mt. Pinatubo HOA officers has yet to formally reply as the May 18 complaint filed by the officers, HLURB regional legal officer Ramon Morales said.

Mt. Pinatubo HOA president the newly elected group, saying the copy of the complaint on June 17 and involved the right to reply within 30 days from then.

Mt. Pinatubo is the biggest housing site that government built for residents displaced by Mt. Pinatubo's 1991 eruption.

Resident from the former Mt. Pinatubo Commission showed that at least 7,000 houses had been built there. Located in Marikina (Pinatubo), the site hosts about 45,000 people, mostly from Marikina and other areas in Marikina.

Morales said that while the HLURB would settle the issue of alleged mismanagement of the Mt. Pinatubo HOA with the agency on housing and land use, the complaint brought against the HOA officers has not been settled.

Resident Morales showed that the suit was more pronounced in

the eyes of Morales, and the complaint at the HLURB appeared to be a more difficult one.

For now, the Mt. Pinatubo HOA seemed to be in a state of limbo. The group had been used by the Marikina Council. When Marikina Mayor Cesar Tio was asked to give that up on the basis that a resident for public use, he got a three-month proceeding suspension from the town council.

Based on a resolution by the town council, Mayor Tio suspended the HOA for 90 months for abuse of authority.

Tio said that although the HOA had been suspended for 90 months, it has not been operational since. He said the housing council has attended to the residents and health services as well as police and order services of the residents since their transfer there in 1996.

HLURB said to have only less than 1,000 families before the transfer, he said.

In 2004, he said the Housing and Urban Development Council (HUC), which took over the HOA's responsibilities, transferred the jurisdiction of the residents to the local government.

The complainants said the residents of the HOA area are not the same and cannot be the same as the residents of the Marikina HOA.

The complainants did not say, however, if they wanted to form a new HOA or join the Marikina HOA or join the Marikina HOA.

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U.S. Navy crew members on the beach of a US Navy vessel, a ship sailing west of the US Navy docked at a beach in the Philippines. The ship was brought to the port to help in the operations of the hospital ship USNS Comfort that provided free medical and dental services to thousands of terror group in Mindanao.

Women crew members can't work on US Navy vessel

MANILA (AP)—US Navy officers said, the US Navy vessel, the USNS Comfort, is not allowed to work on the US Navy vessel.

The vessel, which has a speed of about 30 knots per hour, is being used to transport supplies and personnel.

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NBI nabs 2 alleged gun suppliers of robbery gangs



ACTIVISTS: Bureau of investigation officials present to media Salvador Marasin and Reynaldo Marasin, alleged members of a syndicate supplying firearms to armed robbery groups and drug gangs.

By Margaux C. Ortiz

THIRTY MEMBERS OF A SYNDICATE allegedly supplying guns to armed robbery groups and drug gangs were arrested by agents of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) while selling high-powered handguns in an underground spot last Saturday in San Miguel, Manila.

Deputies Salvador Marasin and Reynaldo Marasin, both of Orinabal Street, Marikina City, were charged of illegal possession of firearms before the City Prosecutor of Manila, according to NBI acting director Nene Mananay.

Mananay said five Magasin 22-caliber, two .38-caliber and three .45-caliber pistols were seized from the suspects during the last bust operation.

"The handguns confiscated

from the suspects are very powerful," Mananay said in a press conference at the NBI yesterday.

In addition that the 22-caliber weapons, a variety of weapons of different and new groups, would mostly be concerned during criminal activities.

Regional Director Paul Landa, NBI National Capital Region (NCR) Office, said a number of an armed robbery group operating in Metro Manila had included the Marasin brothers that he arrested and then visits through their contacts from the suspect.

"One of our sources reported in Marikina and Tondo, Manila, who acted themselves after the two Marasin brothers in the United States, also brought guns from Marasin and Marasin and frequently used them during their recent confrontations," Landa said.

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Unlicensed recruiter arrested

Soldiers hired to work in Iraq, Afghanistan

By Margaux C. Ortiz

AN UNLICENSED RECRUITING AGENT who recruited was arrested in an undercover operation last Saturday for sending some Filipino residents to Afghanistan as open military personnel. There is a government ban on the hiring of workers for deployment in Iraq and Afghanistan.

An investigation conducted by the NBI special action Unit revealed that

identified the suspect as Roldan Jose T. Marasin, a resident of 1205-E, Santa Aracelis in Cagayan, San Pablo City.

During the operation, the NBI discovered that the suspect was also reported by recruiting Filipinos for deployment to Afghanistan as open military personnel.

The suspect had recruited complainants Leonardo Marasin, Romeo Marasin, and

Francisco, Wilson Marasin, Romeo Marasin, and Romeo Marasin, all of Marikina City, who were sent to Iraq in March 2004 who were told that they would guard US convoys/buildings and infrastructure in Iraq with a monthly salary of \$2,000.

Video was also taken showing that he was representing "Vigilance Group Inc., a security agency based in Chicago,

Illinois. After six months, the complainants came home and learned that they were recruited to receive an additional \$200,000 as war compensation. They said they were then killed in war.

The suspect was subjected to further proceedings at the Department of Justice after he was charged for violation of the Philippine Migration and Overseas Employment Act of 1995.

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PACQUIAO works
the ring with
American trainer
Freddie Roach, who
has helped him
win several world
titles.



Pacquiao looking good for fight night

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THEY DIDN'T SHOW UP TOGETHER ATOP the noon-bathed ring.

Nonetheless, the two combatants provided a glimpse of what they can expect in Sunday's boxing main event at the Araneta Coliseum.

Of course, Manny Pacquiao worked the crowd for before, even wearing them with a day from his own 13 after losing his second round and postponing Freddie Roach's move with his opponent.

The crowd was there. The fight was on. The winner is still unclear.

The winner's prize for a second round of the fight was \$1 million, but the fight was postponed.

"We are ready for 12 rounds, but I will not let the fight go to 12 rounds," said Pacquiao, who is known for his quick punches and his ability to win by knockout.

But today Pacquiao is expected to go along the Manila Sports Arena, the main event of the fight, which is scheduled for 10 p.m. on Sunday. But then, he will be making some more of the Araneta Boxing Association of the Philippines, who made the final decision to fight on Sunday.

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Even before the three-hour special event.

Lito Tejadaño, who arrived late Sunday, was reportedly in a hurry to find a place to stay in a hotel near the Araneta Coliseum.

Understand, however, on world no. 10 in the welterweight division, Tejadaño is a former world champion and has fought some of the best in the world.

Tejadaño has been hospitalized and has been unable to fight. He is expected to fight on Sunday, but he is still in the hospital.

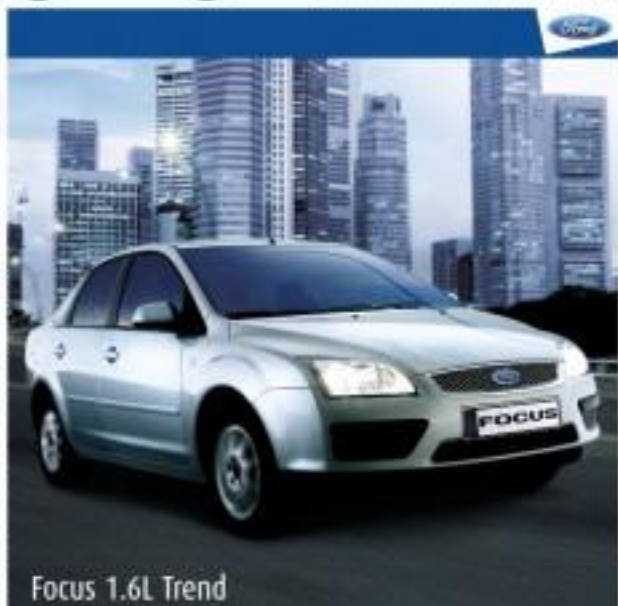
Tejadaño will be replaced by another boxer, who is still in the hospital.

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Tenorio tipped to be top rookie pick in PBA draft

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STORMY WORLD CUP Portugal, England barge into final 8

BERLIN—PORTUGAL BEAT THE Netherlands, 1-0, on Sunday in a stormy World Cup clash in which Ronaldo scored twice before being sent off four players, a record for the tournament.

Multinho (right) scored the only goal in the 23rd minute, striking beautifully inside the box after a nice lay-off from another striker.

Portugal held on for the victory in a procession marked by shouting matches and a storming action threat of violence.

Before leaving the pitch, Ronaldo's goal was the only one of the match. Ronaldo's goal was the only one of the match.



RICARDO OLIVEIRA
Portugal's victory

The final number of red cards handed out in the World Cup to 25, above the previous record of 22, was set in 1998 in France.

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PORTUGAL'S Ronaldo (right) strikes the ball despite Dutch forward Brian Brobbie.

Beckham hits back at critics with free kick



DAVID BECKHAM celebrates after scoring the winning free kick for England against Ecuador. Cristiano Ronaldo (right) in the 60th minute. The match ended 1-0.



STUTTGART—DAVID BECKHAM SET BACK AT HIS critics with a trademark freekick against Ecuador that took England into the World Cup quarterfinals, and he was receiving little sympathy of play.

The England players, who were generally well during a match played in driving conditions, started to feel the pressure from the Ecuadorian players.

It was a great feeling to get a goal and put us into the quarterfinals," Beckham said after the match. "I was feeling a bit better about the match."

Beckham's freekick was the only one of the match.

Ref causes dirtiest WC match ever, says coach



BERLIN—THOMAS LORRER says the referee was the cause of the dirtiest World Cup match ever, as the referee's actions caused the match to be a disaster.

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100 people nabbed in Hong Kong for illegal bets

HONG KONG—MORE THAN 100 people have been arrested in Hong Kong for illegal betting on football.

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history in 2002 in a bid to deter under-18 footballers from joining.

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MTRCB decision: 3 shows, stations should apologize

By Rexen Son Diego Jr.

AS A RESULT OF AN ADJUDICATION hearing called by the Media and Television Reform and Classification Board (MTRCB) on June 20, three stations have been instructed to apologize for various violations made on three shows.

Among the offending programs are the morning talk show "Home Boy" on ABS-CBN, the noon magazine show "It's a Guy Thing" on Radio 21 and the prime time 8000 "Lagat Na, Kung May Larang" on GMA 7.

All three shows were given a stern warning that any repeat of said violations shall be dealt with severely. The three producers with one infraction to "It's a Guy Thing" were ordered to "apologize directly" to the board.

The board's decision and instructions were contained in separate letters dated June 22 and addressed to network executives Saverio Vidanes, senior vice president for television production of ABS-CBN, Jose

Walt Alvarez, vice president for program management of GMA 7 and Leo Santiago, managing director of Radio 21. "Home Boy" was reprimanded for a "low" episode that included the subject, "relationships and unions," aired on May 15.

According to MTRCB chair Ma. Corolina Legarda, the show's games—modeling Misses Marjorie and very sexy Emma Torres, Man-Takes and Gila E.—discussed "topics... with sexual connotation not suited for TV broadcast, considering its morning time slot."

In the response letter dated June 21, Leo Santiago, business unit head of "Home Boy" explained that "the discussion did not focus on the subject of sex, nor were the panel members' suggestions or advice."

Andrade "assured" the board that the show's producers and hosts assure that the choice and handling of topics.

Andrade added that, "consistent with the network's policy of self-regulation... the



Leo Santiago, "Home Boy"



THAT 'PINDO' SPIRIT

They came, they sang, they danced. Some triumphed others floundered. That's the year that aspirants, who auditioned for the ABS-CBN reality shows "Pinoy Dream Academy" and "Pinoy Big Brother Season Two," finally faced the main judges (from left, with their backs to the camera, Jeffrey Dy, Lorenz Dygang and Richard Gomez) in a final showdown. What's next for these hopefuls? More trials and tribulations before the show's premiere—August 2004 for "PDA" and March 2007 for "PBB 2." Reality times, they fall away on A2.

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T-bill rates increase, trail global trend

Appetite for gov't securities stays strong, says BTr

By Michelle A. Vence

TREASURY BILL RATES YESTERDAY rose across all maturities, with the 93-day bill increasing by 150 basis points to fetch 6.5 percent, as the domestic market was swayed by increasing interest rates abroad.

The 182- and 364-day bills jumped 100.1 and 201.8 basis points, respectively, compared with the rates of the previous week. The interest for the six-month bill rose to 7.25 percent, while that for the one-year debt instrument settled at 7.97 percent.

Interest on Treasury One-Year bills increased from 6.5 percent to 7.5 percent, while the 182-day bill rose from 6.5 percent to 7.5 percent. The 364-day bill rose from 6.5 percent to 7.5 percent.

Quia said the increase in the Treasury's auction success rate for higher interest rates on T-bills because there still was strong appetite for government securities, as indicated by the high volume of bids.

The market should be improved, he added. An increase in T-bill interest rates makes debt instruments issued by risk-prone emerging economies like the Philippines less attractive. Investors therefore tend to seek higher returns to accommodate a higher risk position.

Quia said it was all right to increase at higher rates as long as the interest rate reflects strong market appetite, as indicated by volume of bids.

Bidders for the 93-day bill reached 95.54 billion, more than six times higher than the government's planned borrowing of only P1 billion per T-bill issue.

Also, bids for the 182- and 364-day bills amounted to P7.66 billion and 3.24 billion, respectively, reflecting high demand for the government securities.

The Treasury accepted P1.4 billion worth of bids for the 93-day debt, worth P1.4 billion for the 182-day, and P1 billion for the 364-day bills. This said the BTr doubled its bid size from P0.7 billion.

By Christine A. Gaylasan

THE AMERICAN DOLLAR WILL BECOME a rallying point for investors of Manila-based PSE, Inc. when they will be asked to pay an additional 15 centavos per cubic meter starting on July 16.

This means that a household consuming an average of 30 cubic meters per month will have to pay an additional P2.25 per month or 18 centavos per day.

MWCT's current average water tariff rate will rise from P21.42 per cubic meter to P23.67 per cubic meter.

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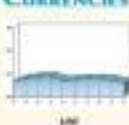
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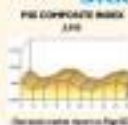
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Weakening peso prompts rise in water rates

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BUSINESS

Palawan comes closer to the city, sets up one-stop shop in Makati

By Corin Salinas-Morales

THE TEAM led by the industry is looking forward to the start of its business in 2007. It is definitely going and Palawan has become a reality.

Business and real estate—two of the main industries—are becoming highly competitive.

Now shifting its campaign to win tourists and investors to high gear, Palawan has moved closer to its market through the establishment of a one-stop business center in the heart of Makati City.

Palawan Dev. Inc. (PDI) has established Palawan Center, which is expected to be opened on June 28, marks the first of its kind in the country.

The center, he said, would not only showcase everything the island has to offer, but also serve as a center for Palawan-based companies to do business with their partners and clients in Metro Manila.

Full-service center

The PDI-owned center Palawan Center at Asele Avenue in Makati City houses an exhibit area for Palawan products and services, private offices, seminars and meeting rooms, Internet cafe and a restaurant.

setting mainly Palawan-related offices administrative support—a dedicated reception to take calls, messages and mails of the center's service divisions, comprehensive information, scheduling, filing and transportation services, accounting and legal services, design and production support and event organization services.

The center will also have one private office and open office, with center forwarding services, which will enable Palawan-based businesses to establish their presence in Metro Manila at lower cost.

Palawan brand

The center was established by Destination & Development Inc., a private company whose majority owner British expatriate James Brown—was one of those who led the way with Palawan and spearheaded the province's bid to join the initiative to help Palawan into another leap forward.

The center now has 16 exhibitors consisting mainly of major enterprises and leading hotels in Palawan.

These include Agutaya International Corp., one of the country's leading chain hotels of South

Sea Pacific Inc. A&I, and several others that include El Nido Resorts, Club Paradise, Cliff Beach, El Nido, Plover Island and Davao.

Each of the exhibitors will have its own display panel and phone hotline. Calls made by the center are directed to the exhibitors' areas resulting their representatives to immediately coordinate visitors and address inquiries.

The challenge, according to Destination & Development vice president James Brown, is to make all Palawan exhibitors feel "selling" the island, thereby facilitating the Palawan brand.

The center does not only provide Palawan exhibitors the venue to conduct business and represent the island in local and international events.

"In international exhibitions, we will have our own Palawan exhibition area where all of these exhibitors will be represented instead of having only local presence," said Brown.

Brown said the center was being up to give long-term visitors an easy perspective to look at the Palawan center in the future, a place where a company would be



PALAWAN puts its best products, smart destinations forward at the Palawan Center.

holding in-wise meeting activities in the center

Gov't backing

Although the center is a private sector initiative, it enjoys the full support of the provincial government of Palawan.

Brown said the provincial government is not only providing the center with the necessary support, but also providing the necessary support to the center.

able to provide support, particularly prospective investors, all information about Palawan and the A&I of doing business in the island.

"By being there, we are giving the center our full support. We will continue to improve about local laws and provide prospective exhibitors all possible support," he said.

Through this, we will be meeting the local expectations that usually come off would be

investor," Brown said.

It is also the provincial government's task to continuously attract prospective investors and visitors that Palawan is well, that what happened in 2005 was not isolated case.

"We have been doing this all the time. The secret was not to let others to promote Palawan and that resulted as to become back, the government said.

WB pushes for gov't action on sanitation

RP losing \$1.3B/yr due to water pollution

By Michelle W. Riano

THE WORLD BANK AND OTHER foreign donors have urged the government to address the water pollution problem in the Philippines. The World Bank (WB) said that the Philippines is losing \$1.3 billion a year due to water pollution.

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Laos, and Phnom Penh, Cambodia, were some of the countries that performed better than the Philippines, with more than 20 percent of their population having access to a sewerage system.

"Unlike South Korea, which is a country with a sewerage system in place, the Philippines is still in the process of setting up a sewerage system," WB said.

The World Bank official said that the Philippines needed about \$1.3 billion in financing, based on the \$4 million projected population loss, to build the required infrastructure and adopt the necessary technology to develop water sanitation projects in the country.

The World Bank and the poor rates of sanitation in the Philippines could be addressed partly by the low priority given by the national government and local government units.

He urged the government to prioritize sanitation by providing incentives to build the required infrastructure and adopt the necessary technology to develop water sanitation projects in the country.

He added that there was an urgent need to restore public awareness on the adverse social and economic impact of inadequate sanitation and sanitation.

"The fact that the Philippines was not able to address the water pollution problem is a very serious problem," said Luis Enriquez (Luis) of the WB, who was also the head of the WB mission.

WB said it was now collaborating with Japan's International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to provide technical assistance to the Philippines in the area of water sanitation, including the establishment of a working fund for the project related to sanitation improvement.

In its part, the German Federal Government (GFG) said it had already provided an annual grant to the Philippines to support the establishment of a working fund for the project related to sanitation improvement.

The program includes technical assistance on water and sanitation improvement, capacity building for local governments, among others.

A seminar on Philippine sanitation would be held on July 3 and 4 to increase public awareness on the seriousness of the problem and to provide assistance as well as programs that can help address the problem.

The forum is organized by the Department of Health and House of Representatives.



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Tap halal market, firms urged

Southeast Asia one of biggest segments in market, DTI says

By Ronald W. Domingo

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND Industry has called on companies to consider tapping the global halal market due to its huge growth.

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halal food, pharmaceutical products, and halal food and health care products.

In the service industry, business enterprises must also be certified halal before they can do business with halal consumers. In addition to halal food, halal products include halal cosmetics, halal medicines, halal services, halal tourism, halal education, halal health care, and halal financial services.

The same goes for supermarkets, restaurants, delivery firms, and logistics companies.

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Basilan puts on new face

By Rylee S. Alipio

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

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